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SUBJECT: BOKASSA ANNOUNCES FULL SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE

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1. IN THE FIRST PUBLIC GOCAE COMMENTARY ON THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE, EMPEROR BOKASSA MADE A RADIO STATEMENT APRIL 12 PLEDGING FULL (BUT UNSPECIFIED) SUPPORT TO ZAIRE, CRITICIZING THE ATTACK AGAINST ZAIRE AND SALUTING THE AID TO ZAIRE BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES (NOT INCLUDING THE US). HE REFERRED TO POWERFUL NON-AFRICAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNTRIES SUPPORTING THE AGGRESSION BUT DID NOT NAME THEM.

2. BOKASSA'S STATEMENT, WHICH IS THE FIRST HE HAS MADE

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SINCE BECOMING EMPEROR DECEMBER 4, WAS BROADCAST REPEATEDLY DURING THE DAY, PRECEDED AND FOLLOWED BY THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. HE BEGAN IN A MEASURED PACE BUT WARMED TO HIS SUBJECT AND BY THE END SOUNDED TRULY ANGRY.

3. PEACE IN AFRICA IS GRAVELY MENANCED, BOKASSA SAID, BROTHERLY ZAIRE IS THE VICTIM OF AN "ARMED ATTACK GUIDED

FROM OUTSIDE. MORE THAN 10,000 MEN ARMED BY A POWERFUL
COALITION FOREIGN TO AFRICA HAVE VIOLATED THE INTEGRITY
OF OUR SISTER REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE." HE CALLED THE ATTACK
BARBAROUS AND IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF
THE UN AND OAU CHARTERS. HE TWICE USED THE WORD NEO-NAZISM
AND CRITICIZED THE ATTACKERS FOR "HIDING BEHIND REVOLUTIONARY
PHRASEOLOGY." HE PAID HOMAGE TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH
HAVE GIVEN "EFFECTIVE SUPPORT" TO ZAIRE, CITING PARTICULAR
MOROCCO, CHINA, EGYPT, SUDAN, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND THE OAU.
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